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BAZAAR FOR TEMPLE FUND

Unique Decorations Transform Town Hall to Oriental Bazaar. Many Valuable Prizes Including Hope Chest to Be Awarded This Evening

The long-anticipated Masonic bazaar opened yesterday afternoon in the Town hall and will continue through this afternoon and evening. The good attendance of yesterday will be surpassed this evening as unusual interest attends the award of the many valuable prizes offered.

An oriental setting arranged by the Boston Booth and Carnival company gives the hall a unique appearance. Between arcades of booths which line either side of the hall, flutter the flags of all nations, prominent among which is the stars and stripes and the shield of the United States. Strings of colored electric lights illuminate the scene and each booth has a special lighting effect. An arrangement of graduated shelves at the back of each booth, gives an opportunity to display the remarkable variety of articles offered for sale.

Purchasers at the domestic table may find every sort of apron and accessory for making housekeeping attractive. At the children's table, is a dainty and attractive display of wearing apparel for the little ones from the youngest baby to the child of eight years, which will loosen the purse strings of every doting mother.

Handkerchiefs of every variety and color share the next booth with the dolls. There are big dolls, little dolls, and middle sized dolls, baby dolls, talking dolls, indestructible dolls, twins, Dinahs, maids, chauffeurs—in short every member of the doll family, dressed in the latest word of fashion and with every dainty accessory worn by the most fortunate of their little flesh and blood admirers.

Towels, aprons, luncheon sets, bags and hand-work in great variety, at reasonable prices, fill the fancy-work table. At the candy table, packages of sweets, are of tinned by the fortunate ones for a mere trifle. The ever popular blanket table shares the stage with Punch and Judy which is the center of attention at four in the afternoon and eight in the evening.

Cut flowers and potted plants make an attractive booth on the opposite side of the hall. At the pound table, one may replenish the pantry shelves with groceries. Home-made candy and nuts fill an entire table next that of home-cooked foods. Cakes, pies, cookies, bread, rolls and steamed pudding met with a ready sale yesterday. Today, a specialty is made of delicatessen goods such as cold meats, meat loaf, potato salad, macaroni and cheese, and baked beans.

No bazaar would be complete without ice cream and tonics, and a booth is well stocked with these refreshments. Two unique features are the fish pond and parcel post table. Fish pond is a minnow, for a bit of the Atlantic ocean with lighthouse, sea gulls and ocean pier conceal what the fishers draw from the bottom of the sea. This proved one of the most popular booths yesterday. At the parcel-post booth, valuable packages may be obtained for prices varying from one to ten cents.

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SCHOOL DRAMATICS

Students of Two Academies and High School Present Plays Before Appreciative Audiences

"Pomander Walk" by Louis Parker, presented with an elaborate stage setting and charming costumes, by a cast of eighteen characters who entered heartily into the joys and sorrows of the tenants in the row of houses along the "walk," made the Abbot senior play given Tuesday evening one of the most delightful of such occasions in recent years.

The row of red brick houses with their green doors (one had a white door) before which bloomed gay flower beds, the great elm tree with a bench about it, the cozy summer house, the fence over which the Byesores leaned for his perpetual fishing, the Admiral's bird, and Mrs. Foskett's cat, each had a part in influencing the current which carried along all those who lived on Pomander Walk toward the moment when the wings of the angel of love hovered close, and young and old arranged their life plans so that the Rev. Jacob Sternroed, D.D., F.S.A., was kept busy arranging for marriage licenses.

The story of the play is so told that each character is in turn the center of interest, although the affair of young John Sayle and Marjolaine Lachensais, the happy termination of which was fortunately not postponed till middle life as was that of their elders, perhaps commands the most attention.

The parts were so uniformly well played that no one character stood out with undue prominence and the easy rendering of the lines and smooth movement of the play gave evidence of the careful training of the director, Bertha Everett Morgan.

Music by the K-E-V trio both before the play, and between the acts, added greatly to the pleasure of the audience.

In spite of a raging blizzard, there was a good audience composed of members and friends of the school and students at Phillips academy.

The annual performance of the Phillips Academy Dramatic club held last Saturday evening drew a fair-sized audience composed almost entirely of students and those connected immediately with the school.

The plays chosen were "The Twelve-Pound Look" by Sir James M. Barrie, "Allison's Lad" by Beulah Marie Dix and "Evelyn" by John Reed.

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LOCAL NEWS NOTES

Edward Hadley of Wolcott avenue is ill at his home.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Saunders of Central street have removed to Lawrence.

A meeting of the trustees of Abbot academy was held last Friday evening in Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick H. Jones are spending several weeks at Orlando, Florida.

Miss Ethel Howell of Summer street is visiting her sister, Mrs. Henry Dea of South Berlin.

W. D. Currier of Maple avenue has returned from a trip to Washington and Atlantic City.

Minard Cunningham who has been ill at his home on Pynchard avenue is reported as much improved.

Mrs. John Hutchins of Elm street is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Edwin G. Booth of Lawrence, for several weeks.

Miss Virginia Ramsdell, who has been ill at her home on Summer street, has returned to her studies at Jackson college.

Burton S. Flagg was in Chicago last week attending the governing board meeting of the National Association of Insurance companies.

Mrs. D. J. Norman who has been spending several days with her mother, Mrs. Agnes S. Clafin of Chapman avenue, has returned to her home in Elmira, N. Y.

Box 562 was rung in at 7:10 o'clock last Friday evening for a chimney fire at the home of David Milnes on Cuba street. There was no damage done.

The meeting of the Andover Mother's club and the Parent-Teacher association postponed from Wednesday on account of the storm was held this afternoon in Pynchard hall at 2:30 o'clock.

Judge Marcus Morton of the Massachusetts Superior Court, together with Mrs. Morton, has been spending a week at the Phillips Inn. Mr. Morton is president of the board of trustees of Abbot academy.

A conundrum supper will be held at the next regular meeting of Indian Ridge Kebekeh lodge on Monday evening, March 17th. A short business session will be held at 8 o'clock, after which the supper will be served by a committee in charge of Mrs. Carl E. Elander. The public is invited to attend.

The Catholic women of Andover will hold food sales in W. C. Crowley's tailor shop every Friday afternoon during Lent until Easter. Fancy aprons will also be on sale, and the public is urged to patronize these events. Miss Margaret Curran is to be in charge of the sales and she will be assisted by a large number of women of St. Augustine's church.

Tuesday evening, March 18, in the Peabody house, Professor Charles E. Fay of Tufts college, first president of the American Alpine club, will speak on Pioneer Climbing in a New Switzerland—the Canadian Rockies. The lecture will be illustrated by slides.

A tournament between the Andover club and the Masonic club will be held in the rooms of the former in the Musgrove block on Thursday evening, March 20. There will be contests in pool, cowboy pool, billiards, whist, bridge and bowling. Both clubs have strong teams in all these departments and a close tournament is expected as the rivalry between many of the players is keen.

The annual banquet and business meeting of the Farther Lights society of the Baptist church, will be held in the vestry on Monday evening, March 17. A catered supper will be served by A. P. Weigel.

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10 a.m.-3:00 p.m. South church. Interchurch missionary rally.

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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

North District Wins Fight for Extension of Water Mains. Proposals of War Memorial Committee Rejected for Fourth Time. Adjourns to Saturday

TOWN BOARDS ORGANIZE

School Board Elects New Chairman and New Clerk at Meeting Held Tuesday Evening

At a special meeting held Tuesday evening in the committee rooms in Pynchard building the School Committee organized for the coming year.

David R. Lawson was unanimously elected chairman and Frederick E. Cheever, secretary for the year.

The new sub-committees appointed are as follows: Financial and Advisory—David R. Lawson, W. Dudley Yates, Roy H. Bradford.

Teachers—Mrs. E. V. French, Douglas Crawford, Thaxter Eaton.

Buildings, grounds and equipment—Roy H. Bradford, Ernest Johnson, Frederick E. Cheever.

The Board of Public Works met on Tuesday night and organized for the year. Philip L. Hardy was again chosen chairman.

Other officers are William D. McIntyre, secretary, Arthur T. Boutwell, treasurer, Frank L. Cole was named superintendent and George Dick assistant superintendent.

The Board of Selectmen will not organize until after the town meeting on Saturday.

Natural History Society to Learn about Grafting

At the regular monthly meeting of the Andover Natural History society to be held in the Pynchard lecture room next Tuesday evening, Winthrop S. Boutwell will speak on "Grafting."

It is becoming increasingly difficult each year to secure anyone to do grafting in the orchard, and Mr. Boutwell who is a past-master, both in the theory and practice of the art, has promised to pass on a little of his knowledge to the members of the society.

The process is, in itself, comparatively simple and anyone with a little experience and but few tools can learn to do it successfully.

Anyone interested will be welcome at the meeting. Members will please note that no postal card notices will be sent.

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A town meeting held Monday afternoon lasting nearly four hours and a half and adjourned to Saturday afternoon at two o'clock enabled Andover voters to deliberate and act upon only fifteen of the thirty-two articles incorporated in the warrant. A discussion of the war memorial lasting nearly an hour resulted only in the rejection of all proposals, and instructions to the moderator to appoint a new committee. The articles concerning the extension of the water main along North street to River road was another time-consumer. Arguments from the point of view of householders, farmers, milk dealers, developers of real estate, housekeepers and school children were brought to bear upon the question and the article was carried in spite of strong opposition by the more conservative voters who desired a complete survey by the Board of Public Works before definite action was taken. Articles 5, 7, and 8 also having to do with water extension were referred to the Board of Public Works.

Upon the motion of Frank McBride it was voted to authorize the selectmen to sell to the American Woolen company the land formerly used for its filtration plant for the consideration of one dollar rather than \$1500, as mentioned in the warrant. Those who spoke in favor of this amendment were George B. Frost, Thomas Rhodes, Joseph L. Burns and Henry A. Bodwell while Richard W. Dwyer was strenuous in his objection.

The article to accept the provisions of the General Laws relating to the establishment of a fire department under the control of an officer to be known as the Chief of the Fire Department was passed without a dissenting voice. The appropriations suggested by the finance committee allowing for a raise in the pay of school teachers, policemen, and firemen were also voted without opposition.

The appropriation of \$6500 for purchase of land for Spring Grove cemetery was cut to \$2000 in accordance with the recommendation of the finance committee and all action regarding improvements around the town house was indefinitely postponed.

So rapid was the action of the moderator in putting through the recommendations of the finance committee in regard to department appropriations that many persons well versed in town affairs were taxed to follow the business of the meeting. Upon the request of Barnett Rogers, it was voted to

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1924, Jan. 1	8,210,992.32	9,070,240.23

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TOWN MEETING

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reconsider the appropriation for the public dump after it had already been voted upon and the appropriation was increased from \$75 to \$150.

Other department appropriations were voted according to the recommendation of the finance committee making a total of \$503,533.

Andover's share in the expense of the construction of the Tuberculosis hospital at Middleton, as levied by the County Commissioners, \$71,396.13, will be met by an appropriation of \$1396.13 from the 1924 tax levy, and a bond issue, said bonds to be redeemed over a ten-year period. A sum of \$5341 was appropriated to reimburse the American Woolen company for the sewer constructed on Poor street, and \$2000 to extend a sewer to the Shawheen Village school.

THE MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m. by Moderator Alfred L. Ripley who said that the voters were assembled in an adjourned town meeting and announced the result of the election of town officers held on Monday, March 3.

Under Article II, Dr. W. D. Walker was nominated and appointed trustee of the Cornell fund for three years. Other town officers not elected by ballot will be chosen by the new moderator, Alfred E. Stearns.

Article 3.—To determine what sums of money shall be appropriated for Almshouse Expenses, Relief of Almshouse, Aiding Mothers with Dependent Children, Board of Health, Brush Fires, Fire Department, Hay Scales, Highway Department, Incinerator, Interest, Jail, Library, Memorial Day, Post 99, G. A. R., Miscellaneous, Parks and Playgrounds, Police, Printing, Election and Registration, Essex County Tuberculosis Hospital Maintenance, Public Dump, Retirement of Veterans, Reserve Fund, Redemption of Water, Sewer, High School, Main Street, Shawheen Bridge and Shawheen School Bonds, Schools, Sewer Maintenance, Sewer Sinking Funds, Soldiers' Relief, Spring Grove Cemetery, State Aid, Street Lighting, Town Officers, Town House, Tree Warden, Moth Department, Water Maintenance, Construction, Andover Post No. 8, American Legion, and other town charges and expenses.

The following appropriations were voted:
Almshouse \$7000
Relief Out 6000
Aiding Mothers 7000
Board of Health 4000
Brush Fires 1000
Elections 2000
Essex Co. Hosp'l 2883
Fire Department 26600
G. A. R. 100
Hay Scales 125

There was no discussion on appropriations until the Highways item, when Thomas E. Rhodes was the first speaker.

Thomas E. Rhodes: I do not wish to oppose the appropriation because I am always ready for good roads, but I wish to register a protest against what I consider a waste of money on construction of highways last year. If the citizens will turn to their town report towards the last part, where the highways reports are made, I will explain to you what I mean, that there was an unnecessary expenditure of money on construction. Look at the superintendent's report on page 73. Take William street for example, and you will notice they have given the amount of expenditure as \$4,000.

On the expenditure statement, under the construction item, they have listed the cost of \$4,434 and some cents. Which is correct I don't know, but this is a very excessive amount of money to be expended on the surface of William street. From the data I have for the dimensions, the cost runs about \$2.22 a square yard, if the total was \$4,000; and \$2.45 a square yard, if it was the larger amount. Now it seems to me that is an awful price to pay for the surface of the road when you can build a new road for considerably less money per square yard than it cost to resurface a new road built only a couple of years. Now of course the methods used were expensive but unnecessary. This work could have been done by the town men by a different method for less than 25 cents a square yard. Now when I say that, I say it from the authority of what we have done in this town on a similar condition of road.

We had a case of this in 1913, a road which was built in 1912, and it cost us to repair that road less than 10 cents per square yard. The maintenance of that piece of road eleven years, with the cost of repairs has not been more than 11.2-2 cents a square yard.

If this method had been used in these other roads, it would take over a hundred years to catch up with the original cost of surfacing William street, but of course in a hundred years the whole of these streets will probably be replaced by others.

To show you the difference in cost of the two methods I will give you another example. On River road, the year before, one mile was repaired. A great part of that mile was scarified and three inches of stone put on, and all that it cost the town of Andover was \$3,033 for nearly a mile, against \$4,000 for about 450 feet of this road. That road could be repaired by a different method for less than 25 cents per square yard.

Now we will turn to Haverhill street. If Haverhill street had been put out for competitive bids, there is no question that it could be done under \$5 a square yard. According to the dimensions that I received on that road, it probably cost in the neighborhood of \$5.47 a square yard. For the same kind of a road built on Main street by the State it cost \$8.15 per square yard, but the difference in the construction of these two roads cannot be compared as there are questions of drainage, etc. I have no doubt that had it been put to competitive bids, we could have done Haverhill street under \$5 a square yard.

Now I want to take Shawheen road. This report amuses me very much, especially the statement that this road was done much cheaper than the town could do it. The superintendent must be slipping. He must be losing prestige and the town must be losing prestige. You will notice on those two other reports you don't have any unit cost given. On the report for Shawheen road there haven't got any quantities, and there is a variation on Phillips street of over \$400. They tell us that it cost 50 cents a lineal foot to the curbing, but it does not tell the total cost, and it doesn't say anything about the curb cost. They say that on account of not getting labor and stone, they had to put it out to contract. They had the same labor as we did to build Phillips street. This year we have had for many a year for weather conditions. It ought to mean a considerable saving in construction over what it did other years. The big part of it is, that the man that built Haverhill street bid on this with the other fellow. The contractor that built Haverhill street made a bid over pretty nearly \$2 a square yard for the placement of stone on a prepared sub-grade that the town had already built. The other bid was \$1.50. See the difference between the two bids of the contractors on that road. If they had bid on Haverhill street I think it would have been a good thing.

You must remember this cost of \$1.50 a square foot is for the placement of stone upon a prepared sub-grade. Let me say right here that I never knew the board of public works to start construction without being assured that they had all material to work with before they start, but in this case they prepared the sub-grade and it was open seven weeks without any further work being done. Now that \$1.50 was only for placing stone on the sub-grade and it is very uniform, the only difference being the way it varies in cost of material, labor and hauling. The sub-grade under the most favorable conditions will cost you about 60 cents a square yard, to trench it and even it up and drain it, so you have got to add 60 cents to \$1.50 as the unit cost of constructing Shawheen road. Compare this to what it cost to do Phillips street per square yard, done under the most unfavorable conditions, where your prepared sub-grade washed out a number of times and we had to spend \$999 to put it back. What did this cost for completing outside of the curbing? The price was \$1.57 against \$2.10 and then he tells us that the town could not do it as cheap as the contractor.

These are facts verified by your report.

Now to give you an idea of the sub-grade business which is the most variable part of road construction. When we built Lowell street some of our sub-grade cost as high as \$2 a square yard, and the sub-grade on Main street on the top of the hill probably cost between \$3 and \$4, because of the expense that was put into special things such as drainage and all that.

Now, fellow-citizens, I want to see the town get its money's worth on highway construction but I cannot see where we have got that. In the past I have always given our superintendent credit for giving the town as much for the dollar as it is possible to give. I have always given them the credit of watchfulness and all that, but I cannot see how we can say that the town could not do these jobs as cheap as the contractor. I think there has been a little change of policy in the board of public works. There has been a tendency to get the work done by contract.

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Richard W. Dwyer: From the President right on down the line there is a retrenching in everything. Up to this moment every article in this warrant has had a large increase and I sat here patiently waiting to hear a word against it. So far there has not been one. Everybody is sitting quiet while our expenditures are growing larger and larger in every part of the warrant. Every \$10,000 that you are voting away is going to cost somebody rent. Somebody is going to dig in their pockets. The way to talk is to talk to your pocketbook. You have had wished on your a hospital. We needed one. But if it is wrong for an individual to do something, does it make it right to do it collectively? No, if it is wrong individually, that same principle applies collectively. There is not a business man in this house, not a private man of sound business judgment, that will spend more money than he is able to pay. And yet you are doing it in letting these amounts grow larger and larger. Your income is being diminished all the time.

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These are facts verified by your report.

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TOWN MEETING

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Alfred L. Ripley, Moderator: The chair has been listening with a great deal of care, and cannot escape the feeling that a good part of the gentleman's remarks are off the question.

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addition to instruct the Department.

Mr. Crowley: I move it as an amendment that this amount of \$34.62 be increased to \$35 per week.

Moderator: This will have to be an amendment in the nature of instruction.

Frank H. Hardy: The reason it went in this way is because the town is in the habit of putting the policemen and the Chief on a yearly basis and that is the way it was figured out. You are asking for a certain amount this year and it works out at the rate of \$34.62 per week. If you increase it to \$35 a week straight, it would make an odd amount.

Mr. Crowley: Didn't the police department turn back \$1,000? I do not think it will affect the general appropriation in any way.

F. H. Hardy: I don't remember just what they did turn back. According to the tables before us there was appropriated \$33,500 and actually expended, \$33,183.

Henry A. Rodwell: I would like to ask if it is not their intention to ask for this sum as a maximum salary. I would not want the town to establish a definite rate for policemen with no allowance for the Selectmen to take care of new men.

F. H. Hardy: That is a fact, we don't want new men to be paid the same rate as the old men. We hope the town won't instruct us in an arbitrary way to pay all the men \$35 a week.

Robert Deymond: I do not see why the younger new men should be paid more, good young intelligent clerks who work for the same number of hours. It won't make for harmony in the force to do that. I think the police force need some reorganization. I do not speak for myself, but if you look on the roads you will find just two men who get most of the work. Thirty or forty are appointed from year to year, but they are not recognized as such. I leave it to the body here present that they should be paid more.

Edward V. French: I think we have got a little too far away from this. The real point is whether the Selectmen be given a certain sum of money which in their judgment is necessary to carry out the work in an efficient manner. The statement about the weekly rate was put in purely as an explanatory matter by the finance board. I think it would be poor policy if this meeting attempted to instruct the boards to agree to that, and pay the policemen. We should take the statement merely as an explanatory statement giving the Selectmen the money which they feel is necessary; but no instructions as to the specific amount of wages to be paid the people they employ are necessary.

John Traynor: I hope the Selectmen will use discretion in this matter. The young men have got just as much intelligence. I believe they will find it a very small amount to give any man. The body that we have created Selectmen by our vote has the power to instruct our boards. We heard something a little while ago about a board that was wasting money. I believe it would be a good thing to investigate that board. It does not seem any hardship to instruct the board to pay these men \$35 per week, young and old, and then they can pay their taxes on the first day the bill comes. I am proud of those men.

Mr. Crowley: I do not see where this is going to affect the Selectmen, whether it is \$34.62 or \$35 a week. It seems to me they should receive the same amount, the firemen and the policemen.

F. H. Hardy: In regard to the new men, these new men are appointed on approval. If they prove their worth they will be raised in due time, and if not they will be dropped. The new men coming in during those periods of trial should not receive as much as an older, experienced man, and if it rested with me I certainly would not pay them the same.

Jerry O'Connor: I would like to know why the board of public works have not been included in this \$5 raise.

Moderator: The question before us is the appropriation for the police.

Barnett Rogers: I am new broom sweeps clean. I think new men in public work are desirable. You get good work from them. Instruct the Selectmen to pay a flat rate of \$35 per week to these men.

Walter H. Coleman: So far as the wages are concerned I approve of a man's getting all that he earns, and I believe our policemen do. So far as the appropriation of \$18,250 is concerned, that is all that the town can vote. The fixing of the wages is entirely in the hands of the Selectmen, and whether they pay \$30, \$35 or \$40 is up to them. If you provide the money, they can pay what they want to. Section 8 of Chapter 520 of the Acts of 1921 gives them the power and says they shall fix the salaries of all employees appointed or employed by them.

Mr. Traynor: The parties who installed that legislation were Americans, red-blooded Americans who enacted that law. This town can recommend to the men that are not fit to speak for themselves. This town meeting has the right to see that the officers are paid right. I think it is time for the town to say they shall request the Selectmen to pay them \$35 flat.

Mr. Crowley: We are not calling for increase; we are only establishing a rate. The \$18,250 will well cover this small increase as I say. I don't see any need of further arguing.

Moderator: There is no question but that the section cited is entirely applicable. One of the authorities that you give the Selectmen is to determine these wages. However, if the meeting desires to vote that thing, it can be voted but I doubt if it has much binding value.

Joseph L. Burns: I wish to speak on the amendment. It seems to me that we would establish a dangerous precedent, if after electing three men to represent us on the board of Selectmen, we endeavored to instruct them as to how to run their office. The question of salaries is a matter of detail and I do not think this meeting ought to instruct any of these boards that it has elected, as to what they shall pay the individual employees in their departments. It seems to me this is a matter wholly within the control of the board of Selectmen, as stated in the law read by Mr. Coleman, and I think we ought to have sufficient confidence in the members of our board of Selectmen. If they decide that the policemen are worth \$35 a week or worth \$34.62 a week, that is a matter for their discretion. They are better qualified to judge of the competence of the men that they employ, than the individual citizens here assembled. Consequently, I hope this amendment will not be favorably voted upon.

Mr. Traynor: I disagree with Mr. Burns when he says the board of Selectmen are better qualified than these people who pay the bills. According to your police as we see them on the highways, I don't think they have made a good choice. Pay them \$35

and get a better choice. We leave things to the board, and what do we get? Pay them \$35 a week, but let us know, in the name of Heaven, how much we pay them. When we add \$100 to our teachers' pay we have to add \$200 to our superintendents. I simply want to indicate to you that I don't object to paying \$4,000 or \$5,000 but I want it absolutely understood that you can't go on increasing this expense of our schools from year to year very much longer. I do not object to the motion going through, but I think that it is the duty of the town to know the condition and the trend of things.

Voted: To appropriate \$126,515 for the school department.

Other appropriations were voted as follows:

Sewer Department	\$6000
Soldiers' Relief	2000
Spring Grove	2000
State Aid	500
Street Lighting	11000
Town House	3000
Town Officers	10000
Tree Wardens	10000
Water Dept. Maint.	33500
Service Pipe	15000
American Legion	1000

Article 4.—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-one thousand three hundred and ninety-six dollars and thirteen cents (\$71,396.13) levied by the County Commissioners of Essex County under Chapter 429 of the Acts of 1921 for the construction of the Tuberculosis Hospital at Middleton and authorize the treasurer to borrow any or all of the said sum or take any action relative thereto.

Mr. Frank Hardy: I offer the following motion: That for the purpose of paying the first appropriation of \$71,396.13 of the town's share of the net amount of expenditures and indebtedness on account of the Essex County Tuberculosis Hospital under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 111, sections 78 to 91 or correspondingly earlier laws, as amended by Chapter 439, Acts of 1923, by order of the County Commissioners of February 6, 1923, said sum of \$71,396.13 be and the same is hereby appropriated, of which amount \$1,396.13 be raised in the tax levy of the current year 1924 and the balance of \$70,000 be raised under authority of Chapter 44, General Laws by borrowing for which purpose the Town Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to prepare, issue and sell, with the approval of the Selectmen, bonds or notes in the amount of \$70,000, denominated "Town of Andover, County of Essex, Tuberculosis Hospital Loan," dated April 1, 1924, due \$70,000 on April 1, each year 1925 to 1934 inclusive, bearing interest at a rate not exceeding 4-1/2 per cent per annum, payable semi-annually. Other particulars as to form, issuance and sale of said bonds or notes shall be determined by the Town Treasurer.

Mr. Rogers: I would like to ask the indebtedness of the town at the present time. George H. Higgins: The amount is \$776,500.

Mr. Rogers: That is over three-quarters of a million.

(Motion carried—Vote 223 to 0.)

Article 5.—To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Public Works to extend the water main from the Pumping Station, Lowell Street, to Esau Belmeeser's residence and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand (\$20,000) dollars therefor, on petition of W. L. Livingston and others.

Henry A. Rodwell: I move you that Articles 5, 6, 7, and 8, be considered together.

George Lee: I object to that motion. I think the articles should be considered separately. It is not a square deal.

Moderator: The house has the authority to decide that question for itself.

Mr. Rogers: I should like to ask the chairman of the finance committee if he had any particular reason for putting them all together in the one vote.

Mr. Rodwell: These four articles call for a total appropriation of \$50,000 from which the town will acquire a very small return. It is a question of \$50,000 to one as to another, and that is my reason for including them in one vote.

Mr. Lee: I am here in the interest of Article 6. To my mind it is entirely different from the other three water articles. I believe we should have these things discussed and should be given an opportunity to speak for them at least. It is only fair play that we should be able to present our side.

Moderator: The Moderator puts it to a vote, and you have an opportunity to say something against this motion if it may seem to put one case in the same class with the other cases. I am certain that the town has a right to determine how they shall take up these questions.

(Voted: To consider articles separately.)

Mr. Burns: I have been requested by some people to speak on these different articles, and I told them that I thought that the four articles would probably be taken up together and would doubtless be referred to the Board of Public Works for appropriate action. I think this will probably ultimately be done by this meeting, but I may be in error.

The question of extending the water mains comes before this meeting about every year, and I heartily agree with the finance committee that it would be in error to appropriate the sum of \$50,000 by direct taxation. It would mean increasing our tax probably \$5. I do think this meeting ought to take some definite action so that the people who ask for extension of water mains should not be referred from the public works board back to town meeting and then from town meeting back to the Board of Public Works. I am heartily in favor of extending the water mains to the outlying districts and I think it is the duty of the Board of Public Works to make a comprehensive investigation and study of this question with special reference to the subject matter in these articles No. 5, 6, 7, and 8, with the specific instruction of recommendation to the Board of Public Works that they report to the next annual town meeting the result of their investigation and study; and with the further recommendation that they put in a proper article or articles so that at the next annual town meeting we may be able to vote intelligently whether it shall be by a bond issue or otherwise.

I do not like to criticize the Board of Public Works. I do not believe they are back of this measure. Evidently there are four or five citizens who want this water. True, we have to consider the question of return, but I do not think this town ought to vote on a question of a four per cent return such as the finance commission recommended. We did have a percentage return at one time and that vote was repealed. I think it is the duty of the Board of Public Works to take up this question of extension and report to the town at the next meeting, or a special meeting, whether or not a sufficient sum of money ought to be raised by bond issue.

I am heartily in favor of giving these men the opportunity to be heard and I think that is the proper method of presenting it. Consequently I move that Article 5 be referred to the Board of Public Works with the instructions that they give the matter thorough investigation and study, reporting to the next annual town meeting, and with the further recommendation that they put

in the town warrant for the next annual town meeting such articles as will bring this matter before the town in accordance with the suggestions of the finance committee. I have that motion prepared as follows: That Article 5 be referred to the Board of Public Works with the instruction that said board make a comprehensive study, and investigation into the subject matter of extending the water mains into the outlying districts and report thereon at the next annual town meeting, and with a further instruction that, if, in the judgment of said board the petitioners should have the extensions requested, said board prepare and insert appropriate article or articles in the next annual town warrant for action by the town.

Philip Hardy: I might say in line with Mr. Burns' recommendation that the board has already a vote on its records to make a study of this matter during the coming year with the idea in mind of reporting to the next meeting.

In regard to Article 5, we feel that the motion to appropriate \$20,000 should not prevail. The Board of Public Works realizes its duty to serve the town in every way it can with the departments under its control, but we do not feel that this burden of \$50,000, if the four articles are passed, should be placed upon the water department. It has been the sense of this meeting that the water department should be placed on a self-sustaining basis, and if these extensions are made the only recourse we have to raise the water rates substantially and perhaps also make a recommendation to the Selectmen that the properties along these lines be reassessed at a large increase.

Mr. Rhodes: I do not rise to oppose water being extended to these places, but I think the town should adopt some kind of a policy by which it would be fair to have that water extended to the rest of the voters or taxpayers. In the past, the assessors have been very lax in revaluation of property along the lines of the extended water mains. Those who have water on these lines are not paying their proportion of tax on land value. My idea would be that the town should adopt some policy whereby water is extended into such districts as these and have a revaluation of property along that line to the extent of paying to the town five per cent on the cost of that extension. In order to do that, take for example the \$20,000 that is asked for. On a tax rate of \$25,000 the revaluation would amount to about \$40,000 in order to bring five per cent of the \$20,000 expended. Something like that would be fair to the rest of the taxpayers in this water extension.

Of course if we are going to appropriate money for this extension we should have to do something on the bond issue certainly. Here is an example of how much these lines pay for the service they get. I will explain it as I did to a man who was complaining in the barber shop about taxes. He said he paid \$102 or \$103. I said, "If I know something about farm property myself. I was brought up on a farm and I happen to know that there is a difference in the rates of taxation on farm property and what is known as residential property. I wonder if this gentleman would be willing to sell his property for what that farmer would have to take for his property? I doubt it. I know I sold a farm with large little buildings, house with thirteen rooms, a 65x40-foot barn, a house with twelve sets of double doors in it. I had to sell that for less than he would sell his quarter of an acre for."

We are coming here to ask your help. I am not alone, there is quite a little body of us and we have got a plan for development. We are not up in the woods, we are not the other side of Haggatt's Pond on the Tewksbury line. We are right here on the edge of Lawrence. The people in Lawrence have got to have more room. They are coming out from the city, and there are a number of us who have got some land we want to build on and develop the neighborhood. We are not all able to build like William Wood and put up these buildings out of our own pocket and put in water and everything, so we are coming here to ask you to help us do it. I know of a man, a contractor, who owns some 40 acres, and he is going to start to build the moment he knows water is going there. I want to put another house on my place. I have room enough for half a dozen. We want encouragement. You will get a little revenue if we get the water, and also indirectly on increased value of our property.

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reference to Article 5. We are discussing Article 5 and Article 6 only, at present. (Burns' amendment to refer to Board of Public Works carried.)

Article 6.—To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Public Works to extend the water main from the dead end at the residence of William F. Trausack along North Street as far as the North School at the corner of North Street and River Road and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand (\$20,000) dollars therefor, on petition of George Lee and others.

Mr. Lee: I would like to explain the difference between this article and the others. If the people who have maps care to take the trouble to look at them they will see that we are directly at the north end of the town, on the edge of Lawrence, starting at the Boston and Maine Railroad and going almost directly north to the river. I have never measured this road, but as near as I can judge it is approximately a mile, may be two or three feet more or less. We have fourteen houses on this road and there are eighteen families in these fourteen houses. There are between fifty and seventy-five cows and horses along this road and there are somewhere in the neighborhood of eighty to ninety people in these houses. Then we have a schoolhouse large enough to employ two teachers, with some thirty-five to thirty-eight pupils. We have a milk man on this route. (Laughter.) This man tries to keep his bottles and cans clean and he cannot keep them very clean unless he has water. Now last summer every well in the neighborhood was practically bone dry. I could get one pall of water each day out of my well and we had to strain it through a muslin to drink. I did not dare to wash my face at home but had to wait till I got to the shop, because I wanted my wife to have it. One of my neighbors had to bring water from the city every day for weeks. Another man who owned cattle got a supply from one of our new water tanks. We have no fire protection whatever except what our firemen are able to give us when they get there, and after they come, they have nothing to work with except chemicals. They do the best they can, but what good is the fire department without water?

Last week I read in the paper where the town of North Andover was notified that their fire insurance rates would be increased five per cent immediately. Why? On account of poor fire service that they have over there. Do we want to get that here? Do we want to pay five per cent more on account of poor fire service? In our little neighborhood we are paying exorbitant rates for insurance. The insurance people tell us that if we could have hydrants at the proper distance along the road they could refund 50 per cent on the insurance rate. We would much rather pay the town of Andover than to pay the insurance company, but we have got to pay them. There is no other way, because we can't afford to take a chance.

In regard to the developments that would follow in connection with the property my friend Mr. Rhodes referred to, I know something about farm property myself. I was brought up on a farm and I happen to know that there is a difference in the rates of taxation on farm property and what is known as residential property. I wonder if this gentleman would be willing to sell his property for what that farmer would have to take for his property? I doubt it. I know I sold a farm with large little buildings, house with thirteen rooms, a 65x40-foot barn, a house with twelve sets of double doors in it. I had to sell that for less than he would sell his quarter of an acre for."

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The Annual Meeting

The Townsman's chief reaction to the meeting held last Monday was that sooner or later, Andover must come to the idea of having a representative town meeting; the sooner the better, if its affairs are to be managed in a business-like manner. Last Monday's meeting did not differ radically from others of past years, except that there was perhaps a little more of that useless, unnecessary, irrelevant oratory than is usually the case. It seems to be true that few people who attend a meeting are interested in more than one or two of the articles up for discussion and that their votes are cast much more frequently as a result of emotional feeling than of any careful, thoughtful consideration of the appropriations which are discussed.

It is hardly to be expected that the average citizen would care to spend the time necessary to become fully acquainted with the various aspects of all the articles presented. In themselves, they seldom tell the voter very much, and it is a well-known fact that actual detailed information is not forthcoming unless the pressure of opposition is brought to bear on the proponents of the article. A representative meeting while not only a much easier body to handle, might also be expected to be fairly well informed on the matters in the warrant and to handle them with considerable intelligence. Too, such a form of government in no way deprives a citizen of an opportunity to present his side of any article to the meeting, but it would tend to limit a lot of the fact-less speech-making which was so prominent at Monday's meeting. Too many times, and the last meeting was no exception, articles pass the voters solely because they have become too weary by this incessant haranguing to give them the attention which they deserve. A representative meeting ought to do much to limit this element, chiefly because of the greater ease with which the force of public opinion against it can be brought to bear on a smaller group of men and women.

As for the results of the meeting, only in the case of article six did the town make a really serious error. It is rank unfairness for Andover to spend \$20,000 to benefit such a small group of people, when many times their number who are similarly situated, are not asking for or expecting such favoritism. The Townsman does not believe that the article would ever have carried, had it not been for the existence of the situation at the North School, and even that phase might have been taken care of had some energetic member of our school committee volunteered to take it on his particular shoulders to see that pure water in glass bottles was delivered to the school daily. It is absurd to assume that any clear-headed, taxpayer would vote \$120 more per thousand on his tax bill, so that the property of a few citizens might be increased by nearly that, due to the installation of town water. The meeting might be asked, with much more fairness, to vote \$50,000 to give every household without town water, a yearly bonus of \$200.00. At least, if this were done, all those in similar circumstances would receive equal treatment.

The slight flurry that arose over the point of the pay of the police force resulted most satisfactorily. It would have established a very bad precedent to attempt to dictate to the town officials in the execution of their duties, even on such a point as the pay of our local police officers.

The action of the town in disposing of its filter beds, and the sincerity with which it adopted the change in consideration, making them a gift rather than a sale, showed more than any action has for a long time, the town's true attitude toward the Shawheen Village project of the American Woolen company. Not that Andover looks too much to that development for its income, but rather that it appreciates the spirit of cooperation which it may expect from its largest manufacturer, and shows itself ready to meet that spirit with an equally admirable one.

There are no propositions involving large appropriations to be considered at the postponed meeting, but there are two very important questions of policy which deserve intelligent consideration. They are the questions of garbage collection, which may develop into a larger proposition in years to come, and the question of whether the town should take its first step in the direction of supervised public recreational activities as represented by the articles asking for appropriations for maintenance of a swimming beach, and the construction of bleachers for the playground.

In the first case, the recommendation of the Finance committee seems to be a sound one. Whatever action is taken, the problem should be treated as a health measure, rather than a question of convenience. The proper disposal of garbage has always been the function of the Board of Health in towns and cities where collection is the practice. The Townsman believes that if the article is accepted, the plans should be so made, that every household in the thickly settled parts of the town will dispose of his garbage in the same manner. Some provision should be made to take care of those people who might not utilize the service because of its cost, but who ought to use it all the more because of the effect that improper disposal has on the health of the community.

The Pump's pond article in no way merits the recommendation of the Finance Committee, that another year of experimentation would serve to make the project any more definite in its details. Not only have those who administered it last year a clear idea of what details should be attended to locally, but the experience of other towns, many of which have conducted such a beach for ten or a dozen years, has been used in confirming the recommendations which the Pump's Pond Swimming Beach committee will make.

For a great many years, athletics at Pynchard school have not received the support which they deserve from the town. The boys have produced consistently good athletic teams for some years, and in recent years the attendance at the games has been limited only by the lack of proper seating facilities. The article asking for an appropriation of \$4500.00 for the construction of moveable bleachers is proposed and backed by the American Legion. The boys of the Legion have annually turned back to the town a considerable amount of that money which has been voted them for the upkeep of their quarters until that sum at present is over \$3800.00. Their interest in the matter is purely altruistic, and they would like to have the town feel, if they like, that this sum of money which they have turned back may be applied against this appropriation, making their net amount only about \$700.00. Their purpose in unselfishly backing and sponsoring this project is very commendable and the Townsman feels that the town will give the boys its support in this matter, realizing the manner in which the Legion presents it. Such an action would be the first step in making the Playstead a real playground for the school-children and grownups of the town.

Editorial Cinders

In the past few weeks, several cooperative banks have opened their offices in Andover. The Townsman carries this week, a formal announcement of the first issue of shares from Andover's own cooperative bank. It is a very good thing for the town that a group of men have seen fit to establish the Shawheen Cooperative Bank. Such an organization, with a firm purpose to encourage systematic saving and to assist citizens to the owning of their own homes cannot but add much to the stability of the town's growth. Our own cooperative bank is particularly to be complimented on its choice of the fixed rate system for making loans.

The sympathy of the town goes to Arthur E. Jones in his loss this morning by the complete gutting by fire of Treat

Hardware Company's store. Since Mr. Jones and his associates took over the business about five years ago, this organization has enjoyed a steady and healthy growth, and a fire such as this, must have caused the delay of many of their plans for future expansion.

SCHOOL DRAMATICS

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strange coincidence, many years afterwards, she finds herself as a typist in the home of her former husband on the eve of the day when his ambitions are to be consumed by being made Sir Harry Sims. The man and the woman review their life together and the motives which caused her to leave him and part, leaving the husband with as little understanding of her as at the moment of their chance meeting. Kate's keenness enables her to perceive the "twelve-pound look" in the eyes of her successor, the present Mrs. Sims. Stafford successfully created the illusion not only that he was a woman, but the woman of the play, Kate, with an individuality of her own.

C. E. Clutia, Jr., as Tom Winwood, "Allison's Lad," also scored a success. His was a difficult part and he displayed with moving fidelity, the emotions of fear, remorse, and despair which tore the unfortunate young soldier. The artistic stage setting for this play, representing a room in Fairford Inn in 1648, deserves more than a passing comment.

The plays were presented under the direction of Harold C. Stearns of the Phillips academy faculty.

A varied and unique entertainment was presented by the members of the Pynchard senior class before an appreciative audience which crowded the school hall on last Friday evening. There were more than three hundred persons present including many parents and older friends of the school.

The program opened with a lively selection by the school orchestra, composed of George Dulton, George Haggerty, Louis Soderberg, Marie Brady and Annie Robertson. How in people may be made thin and thin people be made fat, was cleverly demonstrated by Dr. I. Will Cury. The group of songs by the Ku Klee Klub was so well received that an encore was given.

Two songs sweetly sung by Miss Florence Sanborn with Miss Helen Berry as accompanist were in sharp contrast to the minstrel sketch staged by Herbert Adams and Gaius Walls. Miss Marie Brady contributed a violin solo.

"A Lighthouse Tragedy" presented with no "lines" but much action was the source of much amusement. The stealthy villain, the murdered lighthouse keeper, the grief of his widow and child and the sad offices of the doctor and stretcher bearers only added to the hilarity of the spectators.

Two one-act plays, "The Trysting Place" and "Pa's New Housekeeper" completed a program of generous length.

The members of the committee were Sumner Davis, Herbert Adams, George Haggerty, Sarah McCoubrie, Ruth May and Elizabeth Reed.

Those who composed the ukulele group were Helen Berry, Marie Brady, Evelyn Carter, Eleanor Downs, Margaret Manning, Ruth May and Mabel Walker.

During the evening, candy was sold by Esther Trow, Helen Hurwitch, Bertha Allen and Mary Sullivan.

Miss Marjorie Faunce and Miss Mildred Burdett of the faculty assisted in staging the entertainment, the proceeds from which will be added to the treasury of the senior class.

Community Missionary Rally

The fifth annual community missionary rally will be held on Thursday, March 20, at the South church. All women interested in helpful service for others are cordially invited to attend. The full program follows:

MORNING SESSION
10:15—Conference: Our Church and the Challenge of Youth.

The King's Daughters, South Church.

The Church a Social Center for Young People, West Church.

Junior Helpers and Order of Joyful Service, Ballardvale.

The Peabody House Sunday School, Chapel.

A Class of Eighteen Boys, Shawheen Village.

The Farther Lights of the Worldwide Guild, Baptist Church.

The Margaret Slattery Class for Young Women, Free Church.

What Lent means to our Young People, Christ Church.

The Abbot Christian Association, Abbot Academy.

11:10—Saving America through her Boys and Girls:

The Andover Child and the Red Cross, Miss Anna Kuhn.

Guarding the Health of Andover School Children, Miss Edith Moreton.

Child Welfare Work in Andover, Mrs. L. Sawyer Johnson.

Even the Least of These, Miss Ruth Richards.

The Power of Young Life, Rev. Harry Stock.

12:00—Devotional Service: The Perfect Life, Mrs. Henry Francis Smith.

12:30—Basket Luncheon. Coffee served by the South Church women.

AFTERNOON SESSION
1:45—Song Service.

2:00—New Forces in Old China, Miss Eunice T. Thomas.

Asahigawa, a Place of Opportunity, Miss Ada Chandler.

The Spicy Breeze that Blows o'er Ceylon's Isle, Rev. John Bicknell.

Hubbard Pleases Appreciative Audience

The operatogue given by Alvah Hubbard at Abbot Academy last Saturday, was easily the finest musical engagement of the series which it brought to a close. The form is rare and unique and difficult certainly, but Mr. Hubbard succeeded remarkably. It is amusing to see a man of over six feet, skipping about as a girl enthralled by the song of the birds, yet there is something in Mr. Hubbard's personality that compels attention, and then admiration. One would hardly envy him the handicap of overcoming a natural tendency to the part of the audience to mirth, thus all the greater credit goes to him for the success with which he finally dominated the situation by his seriousness of purpose and artistry.

Of compelling virility was Mr. Hubbard's enactment of the close of Il Pagliacci. He rose to real distinction. His treatment of the charming fairy tale of Humperdinck was a delight to the audience. The transition from the tragedy of Pagliacci, with its grippingly ironical ending to the naïveté of Hansel and Gretel took an artist of more than ordinary merit to successfully bridge. Mr. Hubbard delightfully accomplished it. At the piano, Mr. Simmons kept up the outline of the music of the opera with rare taste, never becoming obtrusive, yet always lending adequate support.

Reception to Distinguished Guests

The Ladies' Benevolent Society of the Free Church celebrated their annual "Guest Night" last Friday evening with a large attendance in the parish house.

The guests included personal friends of the members, the Helping Hand society, the senior choir and the ushers.

A unique entertainment called "A Reception to Distinguished Guests" was given, under the direction of Rev. and Mrs. F. A. Wilson and was followed by refreshments.

Several persons prominent in public life were impersonated by different individuals who on being introduced responded appropriately with speeches, music or recitations greatly to the enjoyment of the audience.

At the close of the entertainment opportunity was given for meeting the "distinguished guests" and many availed themselves of the privilege.

The following is the program:

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Whiting of the Boston Herald Rev. A. S. Wheelock
Alma Gluck Mrs. Alfred Harris
Enrika Morini Miss Florence E. Nason
Harry Lauder Henry M. Fairweather
Reinold Werrenath Thomas Parkinson
Beatrice Herford Miss Mabel Marshall
Madame Melba Mrs. F. G. Moore
Mrs. Parkinson, Mr. Moore, Mr. Frazee
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Assist at Lawrence Fire

Nine men from the Andover Fire department, with the motor pump, responded to a call to assist the Lawrence, Methuen, and North Andover departments in fighting a destructive fire which gutted the building occupied by the Treat Hardware store on Essex street, early this morning.

An alarm was rung in from Box 52 at 12:45, and the all-out sounded at 6:30. It was not found necessary to use the motor pump, but the 3,500 feet of hose from Andover was effectively used on a high pressure hydrant.

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The following letter has been received by the Selectmen in recognition of the action taken by the voters at the Town meeting held on last Monday:

To the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Andover:

Gentlemen:

The action of the Town at their Annual Meeting on Monday last in voting to sell to the American Woolen Company the land formerly used for filter beds adjoining our development at Shawshen Village for the sum of \$1.00 should not pass without this acknowledgment, which it is our desire that you extend to the citizens of the Town.

Every member of the organization present at the meeting could not but feel that this action on the part of the Town was valid evidence of a friendly sentiment that has been expressed in other ways from time to time and that has greatly increased the satisfaction with which we trace the progress of our project at Shawshen Village.

Far beyond any money consideration involved is our knowledge that this action of the Town, adopted without a dissenting vote, is a recognition on the part of the citizens of Andover of the purpose of our establishing here our executive offices and a realization that we have considered and will continue to consider the interests of the Town of Andover in our policies.

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Obituary

MRS. HATTIE K. SARGENT

Mrs. Hattie K. Sargent of Groveland died last evening after an illness of about two months. She was sixty-four years of age. She was a sister of Mrs. E. D. Lane of this town and besides Mrs. Lane, she is survived by another sister, Mrs. A. E. Brock of Groveland, three daughters, Mrs. Frederick W. McConnell of Dayton, Pa., Mrs. Irving H. Atwood of Haverhill, and Miss Ruth E. Sargent, a teacher in the Taunton Junior High School; and her mother, Mrs. Harriet A. Friend of Groveland. Mrs. Sargent was well-known in Woman's Relief Corps circles, and also by many in Andover.

Funeral services will be held at her late home on Sunday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. Burial in Groveland.

MARY ANN (HARRIS) MACKENZIE

Mrs. Mary Ann (Harris) MacKenzie of 19 Pearson street died on Friday morning, March 7, after a long illness. Mrs. MacKenzie was born in Arbroath, Scotland, 73 years ago, and has been a resident of this town for over forty-five years, and was one of the best known residents of Abbott Village where she lived until recently. She is survived by her husband, Farquhar MacKenzie.

Deceased was a member of the Free church and the funeral was held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with services in the parish house by Rev. F. A. Wilson, D.D. Burial was in the family lot in Spring Grove cemetery.

Violin Lessons

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Joseph Emile Daudelin, former pupil of the famous Paris Conservatoire, at the Briggs-Allen school, Saturdays; other days at Steiner Hall, Boston.

MASONIC BAZAAR

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Supper was served cafeteria style in the lower town hall, under the direction of George Dick and his assisting committee, to those who remained at the hall at the supper hour.

During the evening music was furnished by Lundgren's orchestra which played from the balcony.

Among the valuable prizes to be awarded tonight a hope chest valued at \$700 is first and foremost. In addition to the usual household linen of a practical nature are embroidered and hand-worked articles, vases, trays, an electric iron, electric toaster, silver service, five shares in the Atlantic cooperative bank and other articles too numerous to enumerate.

Other prizes are offered as follows:

Domestic table — Bedquilt.
Children's table — Carriage robe and crib spread.
Handkerchief table — Bed lamp and embroidered table runner.
Doll table — Large doll dressed by Mrs. E. Burke Thornton.
Fancy work table — Beaded bag and Eastern Star pillow in filet crochet.
Flower table — Fern hamper.
Pound table — Butterfly tray and bag of flour.
Candy table — Bronze book ends.
Food table — Handsomely decorated cake.

Christ Church Notes

The preacher at both morning and evening service on Sunday will be the Rev. Victor M. Haughton of Exeter, N. H.

On Sunday, March 23rd, the speaker at the morning service will be Dr. Wakefield of Boone University, China. The doctor has been of the medical work there and one of his objects in his visit to New England is to investigate methods used here in Massachusetts in college and school life. He is said to be an effective speaker. In the evening the rector is expected to speak on "The Problems of the Church."

On Wednesday the Women's Auxiliary will meet in the crypt of St. Paul's Cathedral, Boston, at 2 p.m. The speaker will be Miss E. M. Robinson of Porto Rico, who will tell of "Indians and South America."

A course of talks will be given by Miss Marston of Boston during Lent on the subject: The Country of Japan and its Missions. The first talk will be in Christ church parish house on Wednesday, March 19, at three o'clock. The other talks will be in Lawrence and Methuen, according to announcement. The women of Christ church parish are cordially urged to attend.

Free Church Notes

Last Sunday morning, Mr. Wheelock began a series of Lenten sermons on Prayer, preaching on the text: Lord, teach us to pray. The series will continue for five Sundays with the following subjects: Jacob, Wrestling in Prayer; Moses, Making Haste in Prayer; Elijah, Passionate in Prayer; The Father of an Epileptic Boy, Groping in Prayer; Our Lord in the Garden, Agonizing in Prayer.

Next Sunday evening an especially attractive service has been arranged by the Christian Endeavor Society. Franklin K. Woodward, a state officer of Christian Endeavor, will speak and the Boston University Male Quartet will sing. The service will be held at 7.15 in the church auditorium. The public is cordially invited.

Lodges to Meet in New Home

A meeting of the Ways and Means committee of the Fraternal Building Association was held Monday evening in Odd Fellows hall and routine matters discussed. The newly purchased building on Park street, which is to be occupied jointly by Andover lodge, No. 230, I. O. O. F., Garfield lodge, Knights of Pythias and Clan Johnston and their auxiliaries, is undergoing many changes and the top floor is nearly ready for occupancy.

The lodge hall is practically finished and the entrance hall and toilets completed, so that the lodges may meet there any time now, and it is the intention to hold next month's meetings in the new home.

The banquet hall and kitchen have not yet been completed but this will not interfere with the regular lodge work. Doors to the fire escapes have been made from the rooms on the upper floors.

Plans are also being discussed for a big fair of all three organizations in the fall, probably in the month of September, and committees will soon be chosen for this event.

Shawl Pageant Postponed

The Shawl Pageant which was to be given by the Alpha Phi Chi Sorority of the South Church last Tuesday evening, but was postponed on account of the severe storm, will be given at the Mothers' and Daughters' Banquet in May. Further information regarding same will be announced later.

Radio Message from Mid-ocean

The following radio message from Rev. E. Victor Bigelow on board the S. S. Lapland was received at the Chatham station Friday evening and read from the pulpit of the South church Sunday morning: "Mid-ocean, Rolling Happy. Mizpah."

Opportunity to Exchange Bulbs and Seeds

In connection with the Farm and Garden Conference to be held at the November clubhouse on April 7, anyone wishing to exchange bulbs, roots, or seeds may do so on or before that date by communicating either with Mrs. Alden Fos, 65 Central street, or with Mrs. James Selden, 42 School street.

Abbot Academy Notes

Miss Sallie Knox, of the class of 1909, spoke at Sunday evening chapel on social welfare work in New Hampshire, in which she is engaged.

A Puppets' Recital will be given in Davis hall on Saturday afternoon at three o'clock. School will close next week for the spring vacation, March 20 to April 3.

St. Patrick's Day Entertainment

The committee in charge of the entertainment and dance to be given next Monday evening under the auspices of Division 6, A. O. H., has arranged a fine program of music.

Dancing will be enjoyed, following the concert, to music furnished by Buckley's eight-piece orchestra.

John Traynor is chairman of the committee assisted by the following: Michael O'Connor, Edward Eldred, Cornelius O'Brien, Malachi Lynch, Patrick McDonald, George Boddy, Peter Cashan and John Riley.

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A Colonial Causerie

The drawing room of Madam Phillips one hundred and twenty-five years ago, with its Chippendale chairs, old mirrors, family portraits, and braided floor covering were reproduced on the stage of the November club last Monday evening when members of the literature department held a Colonial causerie for the entertainment of club members.

In this appropriate setting, the neighbors of Madame Phillips gathered for an afternoon of sociability and reading from their favorite authors. Their quaint full skirts, puffed sleeves, dainty fichus and caps, were most becoming, and when all were seated, ushered in by black Jasper, made a charming tableau. Each lady was provided with a piece of handwork appropriate to the period; a sampler, work on a linen sheet, winding yarn, laying gathers, weaving or netting.

The dialogue commenced with a neighborhood chat about the persons well known in Andover more than a hundred years ago and an exchange of recipes for cider apple sauce and other toothsome foods almost unknown to the present generation.

Those who impersonated the different characters were Miss Julia Twichell, Madam Phillips; Mrs. George French, Mistress Osgood; Mrs. James C. Sawyer, Mistress Abbot; Miss Bell J. Butterfield, Mistress Johnson; Mrs. Addison B. LeBoutillier, Mistress Chandler; Mrs. Matthew S. McCurdy, Mistress Gray; Miss Priscilla Whittemore, Jasper.

The selections read included incidents connected with the founding of Harvard College from Captain Edward Johnson's "Wonder Working Providence of Zion's Savior in New England"; the adventures of Madam Rowlandson when captured by Indians, the story of Judge Samuel Sewall's unsuccessful courtship of Madam Winthrop, as found in his diary, comments from "Familiarities of Fashion" by Parson Wardlaw, the "Journal of a Journey on Horseback from Boston to New York" written by Mrs. Sarah Kemble Knight, and several of Anne Bradstreet's poems.

The subject of study in the literature department this season has been American literature of the second Colonial period and its members chose this unique and delightful way to pass on to other club members a little of the interesting material found in the course of their reading.

The department of art will meet with Mrs. V. A. Renouf on Monday, March 17, at half past three.

The department of literature will meet with Miss Kate Swift on Wednesday, March 19, at half past three.

The department of music will meet with Mrs. George Ripley, Monday, March 17, at half past three.

The department of drama will meet with Mrs. Charles E. Abbott, Friday, March 21, at three o'clock.

The department of civics meets this afternoon at the clubhouse.

The annual farm and garden conference will be held on Monday, April 7, at the clubhouse. Among the exhibits, there will be a display of old-fashioned baby clothes. Those who have articles to contribute should communicate with Mrs. P. B. Whitte-

more. Mrs. Andrew W. Lawrie, chairman of the committee, asks that members will gather forsythia for forcing, to be used in the decorations.

Mrs. H. A. Wheeler

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TOWN MEETING

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the land owned by the town, which was formerly used for its filtration plant, and authorize the Selectmen to convey the said land by a proper deed or deeds in behalf of the Town, the Selectmen to retain and reserve for the Town such rights of way as may be necessary or advisable for the Town to hold, on petition of the Board of Public Works.

Mr. McBride: I move as an amendment to this article that it be referred to the American Woolen Company for the sum of one dollar.

Mr. Dwyer: The amendment to the warrant really does not change the status of the case. As a matter of information I would like to ask why the American Woolen Company are asking 35 acres more or less, more rather than less, for the sum of \$1,500. By what authority have our town officials the right to give away property?

Moderator: The gentleman is off the point. The town is asked to authorize the Selectmen to sell this property.

Mr. Dwyer: The American Woolen Company has paid \$18,000 for ten acres. But I know what you have in mind, — the large income in taxes from that district down there. Let me tell you, you have sold your poor farm for \$30,000, and it cost you \$20,000 additional and you have done nothing yet, and you have a frame building instead of a lock one. Let us analyze that and see. The total land sold to the town of Andover for the betterment is the sum of one-half a million dollars, on account of those betterments in that village. All right; — coming back to the poor farm, that was sold, and the proportional share of that bonded indebtedness is \$100,000. Add \$50,000 as the poorhouse now stands, and you have \$150,000. Five percent on that amount is \$7,500. What is the approximate income from that piece of land already improved? In round numbers \$6,000 or close to that, but

it is costing you \$7,500 at five per cent. People tell me that is a grand paying investment. It is costing out of your pocket instead of in your pocket. Now I think it is a matter of equity and justice that this property, if it is going to be given away, should be given to the entire town of Andover and not to one single industry. They have offered \$35,000 for property on Den Rock road. Isn't the land worth at least as much to the town of Andover? Across the railroad tracks the same identical amount of ground with the cost of excavating ledge cost \$175,000, while on the other side you can excavate it with a steam shovel. Draw your own conclusions. Isn't it worth more than \$1500? Why one of the beds is already leveled and graded and sanded for you. There are twenty-eight beds there. That is worth \$1,000 as it stands just for building purposes alone. That would make \$28,000. You might as well give it for a dollar as \$1,500. There is no justice in it. I have never yet seen a town where the income from that town was not absorbed by the interests that were there. Now another instance I will show you. You have increased your school fund here by \$15,000 for this year. Shawheen Village school shows \$230,000, but the increase in school population for last year was just 35 children. The total enrollment down there is 149, and you have given that village down there more in that one school than your entire school property in the entire town of Andover, high school, junior high school, grades and district schools all combined. Don't you think it is time to stop?

(Voice from the audience: Yes.)

Mr. Dwyer (Continuing): Why don't you turn around and give it to the Legion boys? Mr. Frost: There is nothing in this world so powerful as facts. I want to give you in about two minutes some facts. We have spent in Shawheen over \$500,000 since the Shawheen development commenced in 1918, meanwhile Shawheen has built there taxable property to the value of \$5,444,975. Since 1918, they have paid \$330,859 in taxes. That is what they have actually paid, not "into Mr. Higgins' pocket" but into our treasury. This year they will pay \$145,000 into our town treasury. Now what does that mean? The total expense to Shawheen because of their new development is \$538,180. If you take the total tax that they have already paid, it would be \$330,859, which is 61 per cent on the total amount of money of that half million that we spent there. We could have afforded to go out and pay ten per cent on this money and then made fifty per cent. What they pay this very year, is equal to 27 per cent and a trifle over our total outlay for Shawheen. Notice further what they have already paid cash for into our treasury, would pay out cash for the \$150,000 worth of permanent real estate (and if they gave \$68,000 besides) it would have paid cash for the water main \$40,000; it would have paid cash for this \$30,000 which we voted for Haverhill street; for the bridge we put there at \$12,500 and it would still leave \$98,000 to pay toward our new schoolhouse. William Wood and the American Woolen Company are not asking anything of Andover. These figures do not include the hundreds of thousands of dollars that they put into their roads and sewers and catch basins. In my judgment this is the only time that Andover will have the chance to do a magnificent and generous thing. From even the financial point of view, it is the best business proposition that could be done. It has proved true of our poor farm. We sold the poor farm to the American Woolen Company for \$30,000. I can remember when we would be glad to sell it for \$5,000. They have built on this land \$385,000 worth of permanent real estate. This is good business. We mustn't kill the goose that lays the golden egg; it is ridiculous.

Mr. Rhodes: I look at this as a business proposition and without any sentiment whatever. When private property is taken, the income ceases on that property, but the reverse happens when public property is given over to private use; then the income begins. Supposing Mr. Wood comes to you and you have 30 acres of land and he says he will give you \$1,500 for that land and will give you two per cent on the value of the development of that land. Then suppose that was brought to, we will say, a half a million dollars. What is the result? The income at two per cent would be probably \$10,000 a year. Supposing another man said he would give you \$30,000 for that piece of property and that is the end and the finish. Which of the two propositions is the really good business? The income of \$10,000 or \$30,000 once for all? That is the way I look at this proposition. That land to the town of Andover is not worth anything to keep; not one red cent to keep. There is nothing it can be developed for; you can't even use it as a graveyard or a dump or anything. To show you how valuable the town assessors consider that land, we have got woodland in the town of Andover, valued as low as \$9 an acre, and one cord of wood off that land would be worth more than the town values it for. I say, sell the land for one dollar or for \$1,500, and then we will get \$20,000 from it.

Mr. Burns: I venture to say that it is a safe statement that if it were not for the development of Shawheen Village by the American Woolen Company, there is not a man here in the town that would give a dollar for these filter beds. I do not think the citizens of Andover, having in mind what

had been done in a village which was a wilderness not over ten years ago, and the facts stated by Mr. Frost showing the income from that section of town, will say that it is a liability, but I am quite sure we will agree that it is an asset. I don't care whether this is bought for one dollar or for \$1,500, but to seem to me this town should be glad to turn this property over to the American Woolen Company. I am not asking the town to show any appreciation or gratitude for what has been done, but speak in cold figures. I do not know what the plan of the American Woolen Company is to develop these filter beds, but I venture to say that some development will go on. Personally I think that when the town of Andover has no further use for the filter beds down there in the wilderness, and an opportunity is presented to sell it to a concern for one dollar or for fifteen hundred dollars, having in mind the future development and the return from the buildings that no doubt will cover those filter beds, the town of Andover ought to consider it an honor to sell that property to the American Woolen Company.

Mr. Dwyer: The point I want to emphasize is that the people that are living down there are a part of Andover. If they had to go into the open market and pay for that land they would have to offer \$35,000 for land not nearly so well situated. It is going too far to say you will give it to them entirely. Are you going to leave it open to bids? We will admit Mr. Wood is improving that part of the town, but are you willing to be a party to a sale, full-blooded Americans, to adopting an old English system of leasehold? Those are the conditions that are going with every bit of land. It is not sold; it is leased for 99 years. The increase in rent reverts back to that estate. You can buy the house but not the land it is on. We can judge the future by the past. The town will become a part of the town of Andover, and the leasehold system as they have it in Europe, and just as Mr. Pullman attempted in Chicago, and there was a riot over it. There is no full-blooded American who is going to have anybody tell him what he must do. That is a different proposition. If we are going to give that land in fee simple to anybody we should make the condition so that it could be sold to American citizens as it was bought.

Mr. Winslow: The previous speaker does not know what he is talking about. Mr. Bodwell: The only point I want to speak on is a simple business one. We sold the town farm after an unpleasant controversy, and got \$30,000 out of it and it now brings in something over \$10,000 yearly. We are all done with these filter beds and I don't know any better way to dispose of the property than to give it to the Company or one dollar.

(Voted to authorize Selectmen to sell to American Woolen Company for one dollar.)

Article 12.—To see if the Town will accept the provisions of Section 42, 43 and 44 of Chapter 40A of the General Laws relating to the establishment of a fire department under the control of an officer to be known as the Chief of the Fire Department, on petition of the Selectmen.

(It was so voted.)

Article 13.—To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of sixty-five hundred (\$65,000) dollars to purchase a lot of land containing about seventeen (17) acres, lying between Spring Grove Cemetery and Porter Road, on petition of the Trustees of Spring Grove Cemetery.

(Voted: To cut the appropriation to \$20,000, a sum sufficient to purchase only five acres of land.)

Article 14.—To see if the Town will vote to construct a granite sidewalk on the North and South side and in front of the Town Hall, also a reinforced concrete driveway in front of said building and appropriate the sum of twenty-five hundred (\$25,000) dollars therefor, on petition of the Board of Selectmen.

Frank H. Hardy: We had agreed with the finance committee that certain portions could be delayed until a later date, but we recognize the fact that the driveway between the front of the town hall and the safety zone is very much needed. I would move an amendment to this appropriation reducing it to \$14,500, which would cover the safety zone, with granite sidewalk reinforced concrete driveway between the safety zone and the town hall and replace the curbing in front of the town hall.

Mr. Rogers: I think it had better wait. This hall is not too large and you may have to use that part in front when you enlarge it. You go to work and spend money on the front part and then in a few years tear it down. You want to consider rebuilding this hall in the front, and so I move that this article be postponed.

(Voted: To postpone action.)

Article 15.—To hear and act on the report of the War Memorial Committee.

Mr. French: Working under considerable tension for something over three hours and dealing largely with material things tinged only here and there with a little sentiment, we are now approaching a subject of a different nature. I think perhaps a bit of recess is in our minds, and a different spirit in coming to this question of the War Memorial will help us to take it up in the way we ought to take it up in consideration of what we are really proposing. A year ago acting under the instructions of the town, this same committee presented a report embodying a town-planning scheme which would provide a place for a memorial. A dual commission

had been given to us, and consequently we had to bring in a report covering all the matters that we had been asked to advise about. The town in its wisdom felt that a town-planning scheme was not desirable, but they did ask that a specific memorial be provided for, and the committee was again asked to consider the matter and make a suggestion for a specific war memorial omitting entirely any question of a town-planning scheme. The same committee, on the request of the moderator, agreed to serve, and we have given the matter a great deal of very careful thought.

We find in the first place that there is very much uncertainty all through the nation as to what a war memorial today ought to be, and that is a good deal due to the fact that since the great war closed we are witnessing turmoil, unrest and even violence in many parts of Europe, bringing disappointment to our hopes of what the war might accomplish. It seems to be a fact that all over the country those trying to suggest war memorials find it difficult to determine upon what they want to erect a memorial to express what the people want to express for those who gave their lives in this war. For that reason, some very careful thought on the subject has led to the conclusion that it would be wise to put up no memorials at present, but to let time go on and let us become clearer as to what this war meant. Then perhaps in our minds we could crystallize something to put into tangible form that sentimental something which we want to express when we erect a memorial to our boys. The committee feels that the town would make no mistake if today we were to say, "Let us erect no memorial now." On the other hand, we were given a definite commission to erect a memorial. Recognizing that the time was not ripe for an elaborate, expensive memorial, and that such a memorial would not express that indefinite thing which we want to express, we concluded that if the town wishes to do something, the best thing to be done would be to erect a flagpole of an attractive and artistic in design, putting it in the center of the town, and displaying on that pole the flag of the nation. There is no more fitting a memorial of a simple type than the flag for which the boys died, displayed upon a pole in the center of a community which wishes to honor them. I want to make this clear, that the committee is not suggesting a flagpole as a memorial alone; we are suggesting a flagpole to be set in the most appropriate place, and a flagpole set in that place, erected there to show permanently that this town thus honors our boys. It does not as a whole in our judgment make a fitting memorial. That same flagpole put somewhere else might be quite trivial and very ineffective to express that spirit which any memorial must express. Therefore we recommend that if the town wishes to act today they vote for a flag pole in our square here and they vote for a memorial in the details could not be all worked out at once and it will take some time even yet. The adoption of a flagpole depends upon whether these various interests can be put together and a location made which in every way will fit the needs and will not from other directions be objectionable.

We regret very much that our good friends, the Village Improvement Society, should make a formal protest against this proposed memorial. We have great respect for them individually and for the high spirit in them and their service to the town, but it does seem to us that no society with that name can take the ground that a piece of work done with the best thought and highest intentions should preclude this town from going further and putting on that spot, perhaps we might call it the most cherished spot in the center of the town, a further and larger development. If, in the process of time, conditions make a further development seem to us, I feel very sure that if the town should see a need with this plan that those who are interested in the Village Improvement Society and our committee, or such other committee as might be entrusted with the task, would find no difficulty in harmonizing their differences and doing something which would be a credit permanently to the town. So that it is the opinion of this committee that if the town now desires to urge some form of memorial, this comparatively simple form of memorial which we propose, will stand permanently as an attractive feature in the town, fitting and adequate to honor our boys. In order to put the matter definitely before the meeting for discussion, I would move:

That, in case the necessary funds are raised by public subscription, the town authorizes and approves the erection of a flagpole in Elm square as a War Memorial on the general lines of the sketch submitted and that the Moderator appoint a committee of five to secure such subscriptions, obtain a suitable design fitting properly with any changes which may be made in the layout of the square and giving due regard to the development already made there by the Village Improvement Society, make any adjustments necessary to comply with the restrictions in the grant of the land to the town and then carry out the work in co-operation with the town departments involved in its execution.

It seemed best that any such memorial as this should not come from the public treasury, but should be the gift of the people by public subscription in honor of the boys. Claude M. Fess: I should like to speak briefly on the ex-service men's position. It is perfectly natural that the citizens of the town should inquire as to what position the ex-service men take on the proposition, and their opinion ought to be given some weight. The American Legion, while not representing all the service men in the town is nevertheless the only organization of ex-service men that can in any way be considered representative. This matter has not been brought before the entire body because there was no opportunity in the time which intervened, but it has been presented to the executive committee of the Legion men who should know the trend of thought among their men. In their opinion this war memorial, although not perhaps the ideal memorial, not perhaps the kind of a memorial which they would have chosen if they had been given free rein, is in view of the restrictions given by the town to the members of the committee last year the best memorial under all these circumstances. It is only fair that this attitude should be made clear before the discussion on this proposition is presented.

William A. Trow: I want to make one correction. We offered no criticism whatever of the memorial, but we do object to the location of it in the place in which it is recommended to put it. In 1920 the Village Improvement Society had accumulated some funds, and a personal gift from a friend of the society of \$1,000, gave in the opportunity to do some needed work in the center of the town and the place was bare, almost devoid of any green. We went first to the Board of Selectmen for their permission and they said they would welcome our efforts in that behalf. They referred us to the Public Works Board, who said there were contemplated changes in the square. We found out what their ideas were about widening on Main street, and went into city details, and the thought we were doing a piece of permanent

work. We have expended already \$2,500 there, whether wisely or not, it is for the Village Improvement Society to say. We tried to do it with an eye to future developments that might occur. We found that there were certain restrictions upon that lot, and one was that that land should be kept open. Another thing was that there should be no obstruction placed there in any way to interfere with the view when traffic was going down Elm street, and all that we had in mind when we erected the wall it seems unfortunate that our society should be placed in the position of apparently opposing the memorial, but we do have to oppose its location at that point and we have several reasons. I have traveled back and forth to Boston for thirty-seven years, and I have seen statues of John Adams and Governor Winthrop removed from the squares which bear their names, and put aside because it was found they were obstructing traffic. Such a memorial as is proposed there would be in the way of traffic. You will remember a few years ago the Centennial Elm was there, placed to commemorate the anniversary of this town. The Village Improvement Society did not stand in the way of the removal of that tree when it became a menace. Mr. French says that he wanted it here for the setting. The setting belongs to a private individual and nobody can tell what the development will be on that land. There are beautiful trees there. Those trees may be removed any time and a brick block go up. That is not the probability, but it is a possibility, and the memorial would not look well against the brick wall.

It seems to me that the place for a memorial of this nature is upon the public park and I hope that this meeting will decide that if they erect that memorial, they will place it on the public park.

Mr. Rhodes: It is pretty hard to oppose a proposition to be paid for by public subscription, but my idea is that a memorial that is to be an expression of the town at large is something that should be built by taxes. It is too much of a private concern. The proposition of the flagpole seems awfully stingy and niggardly for the town of Andover. They can well afford by taxation to erect a memorial costing \$100,000 and put that memorial where it should be put, where it will be an object of education as well. The only place to put that memorial in my idea is the park. We have all of us ideas as to where the memorial should be, and mine is entirely apart from that. My idea is something set upon a base, with approaches or steps, and having the base contain a chamber surrounded by an arcade. Upon this there could be erected figures or groups of figures that will symbolize patriotism, courage, moral and physical courage and self-sacrifice, something that we could hand to posterity and posterity will say, "Well done, my ancestors." What would posterity say in fifty years if they erected the flagpole in the square?

Furthermore I do not believe this should be by public subscription. I believe in something that will represent the town of Andover, and have it come by taxation. I think it would be well to start right on this proposition with a definite sum of money raised by taxation to do it, and then we will be doing something worthy. It looks to me as if I would have the opportunity to return the compliment which was given to me last year when I made remarks on this, that I went from the ridiculous to the sublime. I return the compliment in the reverse order and say they are going from the sublime to the ridiculous. Furthermore they have gone from munificence to niggardliness and it is a wonder to me how they have survived the fall from their lofty idealism to a flagpole. They must have found a parachute to come down in. I think this is a serious question opposed to having this in the square for several reasons. I should hope to point out to my friends coming in town, our memorial. To put it there on the square, I should object to it for the safety of the memorial itself. We don't know but what someone of our truck drivers after imbibing prohibition cocktails would strike it and knock it down. It would not be safe to put it there today, and to do it there we should have to stop all traffic, whereas in the park we have lots of room.

I think we should have something worthy of our soldiers, something that we can go every year and decorate and gather around and listen to orations and music and devotional exercises appropriate to the occasion, going from there to the respective cemeteries. This flagpole idea looks to me so niggardly that I cannot think of it for a moment.

Mr. Bodwell: I cannot sit and listen to that without having something to say. I cannot measure my patriotism by the dollars and cents. It sends a queer feeling up my spine to hear a man talk about a flag staff as a niggardly memorial. I have seen a lot of memorials and statues, arcades, etc., but I failed to get much of a thrill. But I cannot look at the flag floating from the top of a staff or a building without having some sense of what it means. I do not know what this town can do to any more fittingly honor those boys than something on which to display the nation's emblem.

Mr. Rogers: I simply want to take exception to my friend on my left with reference to subscriptions. A good many years ago we subscribed to Memorial Hall and I think I gave twenty-five cents towards that. I feel pretty proud of that even today, and I think myself it would not be a bad idea to have this carried by public subscription. Then if you don't get enough you can let the town appropriate something to make it up. Placing it on the public park in my judgment is the better place, and it would not interfere with what the Village Improvement Society has done. The thing wouldn't mean anything unless you had that flag there. It is the flag that ought to be there.

Mr. Burns: As an amendment to the motion presented by Mr. French I move the words "Elm Square" be stricken out and this substituted, — "approve the erection of a flagpole in the park." I think from what Dr. Fess has said that the war memorial as presented meets with the approval of the men in whose memory and honor this flagpole is to be erected. I hope the town will accept the report as modified by my amendment. We have had some three committees on this proposition and I think the committees have been represented by men of ability and men of intelligence and they have given this thing a great deal of consideration, but the location in Elm Square does not seem to me the best one for these reasons. The president of the Andover Village Improvement Society voices the opposition of the society and I understand there are some 200 members of that organization. It does not seem to me that the town will be keeping faith with that organization who have made this section of the town beautiful, going ahead with the assurance that the expenditures there would be permanent. And now we come with another committee which proposes to destroy completely the work of some years. And a further objection it seems to me is, that if this money is to be raised by public subscription, and I think that is a good way, we shall be going to the same identical public who made the donations to the Andover

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Village Improvement Society who spent their money in Elm Square. We must consider the feeling of the members of that organization. Naturally they favor the memorial, but what assurance have they that in ten or fifteen years from now if Main street is widened, and I think we all agree that may come in the future, the memorial will not have to be moved. I should like to see this question settled now at this meeting, and I think the best place is in our public park on land owned by the town of Andover. I hope the amendment I have proposed will be seconded and that the town will vote to adopt it.

Mr. Traynor: I have not heard any of the boys speak about this. I would like to know why it was not put before the Legion.

Dr. Fess: Holding as I do no official position in the Legion, I don't think I can make a definite answer, but I asked Mr. Markey, the Commander, to call a meeting of the Post. It was found impossible owing to lack of time, but a meeting of the executive committee was called, that being on the whole the most representative group we could secure, and the matter was so presented.

Mr. Traynor: There have been three years, and they could not call a meeting of anything but the executive board.

Frank Markey: Last year we sent post cards asking what was the idea for a war memorial, and a few sent in letters in reply. What I thought of myself, was a building, but the town did not want to spend money to that extent. It was five days ago that Dr. Fess told me about this proposed plan and I could not call a meeting. The executive board were unanimous in voting that this was the only thing, taking into consideration the amount of money the town wanted to spend, but if the entire Legion's point of view could be obtained I think they would favor a building which would be a living memorial to the boys. We need a town hall and a plan might be worked out whereby we could have a utilitarian and sentimental memorial at the same time.

Mr. French: I think we all must appreciate that this is somewhat of an artistic question and it should not be settled without some real thought and some appropriate advice. For the meeting of a year ago to ask certain citizens to give thought to the development of a plan for a specific memorial, and then after we have been weighing carefully all the different possibilities to come here and take a part of our suggestion against our advice, putting the recommendation only partially in force and in another place, thus entirely negating the main feature of their idea is not business. I think if we cannot give larger weight to the careful considerations of the committee, then we had better consent to having some other committee.

As I said before there is no immediate pressure. Let us not do the wrong thing and jump hastily into it. This committee did consider a memorial in the park, and we considered a good many other places and kinds of memorials. If it were not for wearying the meeting we would be delighted to go into the affair in more detail, but this whole body here cannot study the matter in the park and we have advice about it, and it is our general judgment that the park as it stands today is not a suitable place for a memorial. The simple transporting of a flagpole to a setting in the park would be a violation of the spirit in which this committee tried to present its recommendation.

If it is the general sense of the town that the memorial better go in the park, then I would feel that it had better not be the flagpole, and the matter must be studied further if it is the desire of the town to have it in the park. If that is the case I would move as an amendment to Mr. Burns' motion: That the town approve of the erection of a War Memorial in the Park, the funds to be provided by public subscription, and that the Moderator appoint a committee of seven to secure the necessary funds and a suitable design and to carry out the work, with authority, in co-operation with the town departments involved, to do such re-planning of the Park as may be desirable in this connection.

William A. Allen: In a year or two the town has got to enlarge its town hall. To my mind with the ladies voting we have got to have a bigger town hall in a very few years. Now the head of the Village Improvement Society has stated their objection to placing this memorial in Elm Square and has said that some day there might be a brick block there. I would suggest that the town purchase the Barnard property and build a new town hall as a memorial remodeling the present building as quarters for the Legion.

Mr. Burns: The people of Andover have given this war memorial considerable thought. The amendment to the amendment as presented by Mr. French would leave the question as to the form of the memorial still in the air. It seems to me that in view of the expression of opinion that has been made here this war memorial as recommended is one that the town can well accept, but I cannot agree with Mr. French that the question of the location is going to detract from the rest of the proposition so much that it kills the entire proposition. I think the public park is just as good a place for it as Elm Square, providing we get the proper landscape work done there. We don't get anywhere if we vote to accept the amendment to the amendment. We simply accept a motion but we don't decide what the memorial will be. I don't think we will get any better committee than the one we have had in the past three years, and the only difference between the recom-

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The officers of the competition are: Honorary President, George M. Wallace; president, James W. Riley; secretary, William D. Valentine; treasurer, Thomas Gunter; auditor, Robert W. Anderson.

Parent-Teacher Meeting Postponed

The monthly meeting of the Shawsheen Parent-Teacher Association which was to be held last Wednesday evening, was postponed because of the storm and will be held next Wednesday evening, March 19, at 8 o'clock at the Richardson school. At that time Frederick S. Boutwell, treasurer of the Andover Savings Bank, will speak on "Triumph From a Banker's Standpoint." Refreshments will be served in charge of the teachers.

Injured in Collision

Mrs. Harriet Nealey of 37 Oregon avenue, Lawrence, was slightly injured Monday evening when the automobile which she was driving collided with another car operated by Harry C. Billington, 10 Canterbury street, Shawsheen, at the corner of South Broadway and Canal street. The accident occurred about 10:20 o'clock. Mrs. Nealey sustained contusions of the right leg and knee for which she was given first-aid treatment at the General Hospital. She was then removed to her home.

Meeting of Sunday-School Teachers

A meeting of the Shawsheen Sunday-School Teachers' association was held Monday evening, at the home of Mrs. T. C. Atkinson, 12 Carisbrooke street.

Plans were made at this meeting for a children's entertainment to be held Easter Sunday morning at 9 o'clock in Balmoral hall. The regular Easter Sunday service is being arranged by the executive committee and will take place at 5 o'clock in Balmoral hall.

The following committee was appointed to prepare a pageant for children's day, June 1: Miss Ruth Dannels, Mrs. Donald W. Carter, Mrs. T. C. Atkinson and Mrs. J. R. Dille.

X. I. E. Meet

Miss Jean Thompson of Argyle street, entertained the members of the X. I. E. club Monday evening at her home. The business meeting was followed by games and dancing. Refreshments were served by the hostess. Those present were: Misses Florence Wilbur, Evelyn Lawson, Doris and Irma Coolidge, Dorothy and Constance Ramsey, Edith Bredbury and Jean Thompson.

Aiding Masonic Bazaar

Among the large corps of workers who are aiding the Masonic Bazaar which is being held this afternoon and evening at the Town hall are many Shawsheen-Village residents.

Those who are assisting are: Frank A. Baldwin, in charge of the blanket table; Mrs. Gus Lassig and Roy Hall, blankets; Mrs. J. H. Playdon, flowers; also on the flower table, Mrs. Edward Lawson, Mrs. Philip Leslie and Miss Emma Holt; Mrs. Clarence Coolidge will have charge of the fish pond, assisted by Mrs. Augustine Horman, Mrs. C. LeRoy Ambye and Miss Doris Coolidge; Mrs. Harry M. Hill will assist on the domestic table; Mrs. Robert Todd and Mrs. C. A. Johnson, grocery table; and Mrs. Benjamin Babb and Mrs. Henry Todd, hope chest.

Mrs. James Walker, also of Shawsheen, is chairman of the general committee and has been a very earnest worker for the success of the affair.

Community Church Service

"The Most Valuable Thing in the World" was the subject of the sermon delivered by Rev. Allen W. Clark of St. Paul's Church, Boston, on Sunday evening at the Shawsheen Community Church service.

Miss Nelda Bedel rendered "Hear Thou My Prayer," Hamblin; "Be Not Afraid," Bertrand Brown.

Rev. T. S. Marshall of Grace church, Lawrence, will speak next Sunday evening and Mrs. A. J. Mayo of Shawsheen, will be the soloist.

Gordon Brown to Lead Choir

A meeting of the executive committee of the Shawsheen Community church was held last Saturday evening at the home of Myron K. Voorhes, 6 Carisbrooke street.

The committee announced that the services of Gordon S. Brown have been obtained as a permanent leader of the choir. He will meet with the choir every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Joseph Lyon, York street.

Mr. Brown has had a wide experience as an organist and choir leader, having been engaged in this work since he was seventeen years old. He was formerly in charge of the choir at Hereford Cathedral in England, and at one time was organist at the Chapel Royal at Buckingham Palace. At present he is leading the Christ church choir and in addition has many pupils for vocal, organ and piano recitals.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Duncan have moved to 30 Riverina road.

Frank A. Baldwin of 13 Carisbrooke street, is confined to his home by illness.

Robert Parks of Chester S. Patten's office has returned from a trip to Canada.

There was no session of the Richardson school Monday afternoon or Tuesday, due to the storm.

Miss Waltrude Collins of Bridgewater Normal school is spending a few days at her home on Union street.

The adjourned annual Town meeting will be held in the Town hall tomorrow afternoon, Saturday, March 15, at two o'clock.

The South Church women extend a cordial invitation to all Shawsheen women interested to attend the Community Missionary Rally on Thursday, March 20.

The ladies' matches in the American Woolen company championship which were to be rolled Tuesday night at the Shawsheen alleys were postponed on account of the storm.

Miss Sylvia Bennett, a student at the Sea Pines school at Brewster, is spending the school vacation with Miss Ruth Dannels of Sutherland street. Miss Bennett's home is in Minnesota.

A reception was held and luncheon served Monday afternoon at the Shawsheen Manor following the wedding ceremony at Grace Church, Lawrence, of Eliza V. Marshall and Ward DeWolf. Mrs. DeWolf was formerly a teacher at Pynchard High school.

Current Events Class

The next and last meeting of the Current Events Class under the auspices of the Shawsheen Village Women's club will be held Tuesday afternoon, March 18, at 2:30 at the home of Mrs. Donald W. Carter, 38 York street. Mrs. Lefevre will be the speaker. It is hoped that all who attend will remain for the social hour which will follow. Tea will be served.

PUNCHARD NOTES

This evening at eight o'clock in Pynchard, the members of the freshman class of Pynchard will give a dance and entertainment to the sophomores. The social committee have been industriously planning an interesting programme, and this dance should prove one of the best of the season.

The program:
Piano solo Charlotte Gillespie
Sketch Evelyn Miller, Margaret Graham
Song Arthur Mullen
Recitation Frances Metcalf
Selection Orchestra
Dance Annetta Anderson
Sketch Annetta Anderson, Edna Bassett

Dancing will follow.
The grand march will be led by Mr. and Mrs. Nathan C. Hamblin, followed by a leap year dance when the young ladies ask the gentlemen to dance. There will be a prize box for a prize for the best dancers.

The sophomores will be called upon to entertain.
Refreshments will be served during intermission by Mildred Howard, Florence Babb, Irene McCarthy, Elizabeth Winters, Frances Metcalf, Evelyn Miller and May Fallon.

The matrons for the occasion will be Mrs. Joseph Fallon, Mrs. Elander, Mrs. Lundgren and Mrs. Nathan C. Hamblin.
The affair is in charge of the freshman social committee which consists of the following: Annetta Anderson, Edna Albers, John Hilton, and Arthur Mullen.

Officers for Freshman Class Chosen
The following have been chosen as officers for the year 1924 of the freshman class. President, Malcolm Lundgren; vice president, Walter Gordon; secretary, Irving Whitcomb.

Dancing Party at November Clubhouse

A private dancing party was held Saturday evening in the November clubhouse.

The Marion Chase players of Lynn furnished excellent music and were called on to give many encores.

The patronesses for the dance were Mrs. Bartlett H. Hayes, Mrs. F. H. Eaton and Mrs. Claude M. Fuess.
The young ladies who were in charge were Misses Dorothy Hayes, Frances Thompson, Emily Thompson, Edith Page and Natalie Page.

Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Johnson, Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Gabelier, Judge and Mrs. J. J. Mahoney, Mr. and Mrs. R. N. C. Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. E. Barton Chapin, Mr. and Mrs. Evans, Dr. and Mrs. Claude M. Fuess, Mr. and Mrs. Newton, Mr. and Mrs. Alden Foss.

Misses Gwendolin Brooks, Dorothy Cole, Irene Odlin, Susan Benett, Martha Buttrick, Emily Holt, Jane Holt, Mae Bartlett, Margaret V. French, Miss Stewart, Miss Hastings, Miss Foubert, Miss Hay, Miss Foss, Miss Newall, Miss Eaton and Miss Frost.

James Eaton, M. L. Shields, Harold Abbott, William Higgins, Loring Higgins, J. Duke Smith, B. Stevens, Mr. Bateman, Frank O'Brien, L. Thomas, Mr. Treadway, John Foster, Ellis Freeman, Mr. Chandler, William Heald, Mr. Sturges, Mr. Oberdor, J. K. Dow, C. W. Wood, H. Jones, W. H. Bradford, Donald Falvey, F. Barracough and Gordon S. Brown.

Legion Auxiliary Notes

Misses Margery Markey, Mary Barrett, Jennie Barrett, Emma Cashan, Mrs. Elizabeth Lawson, Mrs. Frank Foster and Mrs. Freeman Abbott attended the school of instruction for Legion Auxiliary officers held at Lawrence last Saturday.

Essex County Council will hold their regular monthly meeting at Memorial hall, Ipswich, Saturday at 2:30 o'clock.

SHAWSHEEN BOWLING

Bowlers Make Big Scores on Local Alleys.
Collection Department Champions of Administration Building

The matches in the American Woolen Company championship were rolled Monday evening on the Shawsheen alleys and proved to be exciting and close. Seven men bowled better than 300, the highest being 329 rolled by D'Angelo of the Ayer Mill team. Dowd of the Wood mill team had high single—120.

The Washington and the Prospect split the points, the Prospect leading the total by 12 pins. DeFossey of the Washington was high man with 106 and 291.

Shawsheen took 3 points from the Wood. Lamontagne of the Shawsheen team was high with 117 and 314.

The Brush Shop lost four to the Ayer Mill. D'Angelo of the Ayer rolled high triple with 329 and tied Garnet of the same team with high single, both having 116.

The scores:

WASHINGTON	PROSPECT	SHAWSHEEN	WOOD	BRUSH SHOP	AYER
Vagler 84	94	91	86	258	89
Youngsusi 85	90	86	252	84	92
Dowd 81	92	82	265	89	94
Parslow 94	96	99	289	114	108
DeFossey 88	106	97	291	94	94
Totals 432	472	463	1367	473	490

Mellin 94
Teller 86
Duffon 96
Wilkinson 98
Judge 100

Totals 474 403 442 1379

Keith 99
Anderson 102
Hutton 98
Martell 100
Lamontagne 117

Totals 516 480 470 1466

Ross 98
Wilcox 82
Haggerty 110
Jacques 112
Dowd 120

Totals 512 455 486 1453

Britten 92
F. Belanger 89
P. Belanger 84
Robertson 114
Ouellette 94

Totals 473 490 443 1406

Baracough 89
Garnet 102
D'Angelo 116
Sanibatoro 116
Craddock 90

Totals 491 507 445 1443

Community League

Wednesday night at the Shawsheen alleys Team 8 of the Shawsheen Community league made a record for team single and team total—the single being 544 and the three-string total being 1490.

Team 5 forfeited to Team 8 and Jowett of the latter had the final total of 326. Davis had high single with 120.

Team 6 took three points from Team 3. Way of Team 3 had high triple with 285 and Tolman of Team 6 had high single with 117.

Traffic Department Loses to Collection Department
Tuesday night at the Shawsheen alleys the Collection Department of the American Woolen Company defeated the Traffic Department in a close match. The Collection outfit now claim the championship of the Administration Building which claim will be strenuously disputed by the other departments. Hill was high man with 99 and 269.

Low Wines Sweepstakes

William Lowe won the sweepstakes at the Essex alleys Wednesday evening with a total of 1029. Charles Skea came next with a total of 1022 and Patrick Doherty, who bowled on Tuesday evening was third with a total of 1017. Lowe received \$37.50 or 50 per cent of the entry fees; Skea, \$22.50 or 30 per cent, and Doherty \$15 or 20 per cent. There were 15 bowlers on both evenings, and competition was keen.

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mentation of that committee and the amendment I presented is the question of location. My amendment brings that question before the voters, and I hope the town will vote this amendment I am offering.

Addison B. LeBoutillier: This particular design is not necessarily accepted by the war memorial committee; they are at liberty to select any other design, and they are not committed to that. But I do hope it can be placed in the most conspicuous place for it seems rather a pity to erect a memorial in an out-of-the-way place like the park. I had lived in Andover for a year before I knew that there was a park and lots of people don't go up to that place once a year. Certainly very few strangers would know we had a memorial in this town if we put it in the park. If we could make the sacrifice, and put the memorial in the square, everybody would know that we had done something for the boys, and it is something that could be taken in at a glance and not have to really be studied. That was one of the reasons for making this particular suggestion for the flagpole. Certainly it would not be an adequate war memorial if placed in the public park.

Mr. Traynor: Does this accept the idea of providing it by public subscriptions, or do we discharge this committee?

Moderator: It will be within the province of the new moderator to appoint a new committee if the voters so desire.

Mr. Traynor: I would be sorry anyway if it was somebody else.

Fred D. Cheney: I was quite surprised to learn a short time ago just what the recommendation of this committee was to be. I had publicly suggested that a hearing be held so that all the citizens of the town could express their opinion, but unfortunately the committee did not see fit to hold such a hearing. I am rather of the opinion that a flagpole might be out of place on the common. I would like to have words put into the amendment whereby one or more suitable hearings may be held so that the citizens of the town may express themselves to this committee.

Moderator: You are now voting on the last amendment for a war memorial in the park. (The amendment for a war memorial in the park was defeated.)

Mr. Bodwell: I am quite sure that if Mr. Burns had worked with this committee he would not advocate putting the flagstaff in the park. He might have advocated some other form of memorial. It is really too bad that we can put before it, to definitely decide on an artistic point at this time, either on the type of memorial or the location of it, turning over the recommendation of this committee which spent two years on it. I hope this motion will not prevail.

Rather than pass a vote today to erect a flagstaff in the park I would see the thing go over another year and let this committee or some other committee go over it again. I think Mr. Cheney's idea of a public meeting is a good one. We have got to remember that this thing is not a utilitarian proposition; it is of an artistic nature, and for that reason I hope this meeting will decide either to proceed in the line of the recommendation that we have from the committee where the flagstaff will have the proper setting, or hold the matter over and have it brought before the town again.

Mr. Burns: I am a very great believer in getting expert advice on questions that you don't know anything about, but it is well recognized that even experts differ among themselves. With all due respect to the information Mr. French has had, including the advice of Mr. LeBoutillier and other architects he may have consulted, I cannot conceive how the change of this flagstaff from the surroundings where the committee selected the location could result in such a vast difference as Mr. French and Mr. LeBoutillier would have this audience believe. I personally think that the park with some appropriate landscape work done there would make the surroundings far more beautiful than here in the center of the town. As to the question of the traffic I do not think that applies, and it depends upon whether you feel that the memorial is for sight-seers or for us of the town of Andover. If I am not in error I understand Dr. Fuess to say that the Executive Committee of the Legion was in favor of this general design. The only question is location, and I cannot help feeling that the war memorial will look just as well in the park as in the square.

(Mr. Burns' motion to erect a flagpole in the park was voted upon and lost.)

(Mr. French's original motion was then put to vote and defeated by a vote of 77 to 72.)

Mr. Burns: I move that the Moderator appoint a new committee for further study of this matter, to report at the next annual meeting. (It was so voted.)

Moderator: We have now been here for four hours and a half, and I think a motion from someone to adjourn would be acceptable.

(Voted to adjourn until 2 o'clock, Saturday, March 15.)

Benefit Sale Big Success

The benefit bakery sale by the Ladies' Auxiliary of Clan Johnston, held Tuesday afternoon in Ames' store, was a great success in spite of the blizzard. Through gifts of money and sale of cakes, cookies, doughnuts, pies, pastry, candy, Scotch scones and oat cakes, a large amount was realized.

The Auxiliary wishes to express its grateful appreciation of the contributions and generous patronage from the women of the churches in town regardless of creed and to several business men who gave donations for the most deserving family.

The committee was: Mrs. Samuel R. Harris, chairman; Mrs. Gilbert Caldwell, Mrs. George A. Christie, Mrs. James E. Coates, Mrs. David A. Forbes.

THEATRES

ANDOVER COLONIAL THEATRE

To-day
Alice Lake in "The Marriage Market."
Bert Lytell in "The Meanest Man in the World."
Aesop's Fables.

To-morrow
Douglas MacLean in "The Hottentot."
H. C. Witwer's "Leather Pushers."
Comedy.
Pathe News.

Monday, Tuesday, March 17, 18
"Strangers of the Night—Captain Applejack."
Topics of the Day.
Comedy.

Wednesday, March 19
Thomas Meighan in "Woman Proof."
"The Way of a Man"—Episode 2.
Comedy.
Pathe News.

Thursday, March 20
Madge Kennedy in "The Purple Highway."
Hoot Gibson in "Hook and Ladder."
Comedy.

Friday, March 21
Hope Hampton in "Lawful Larceny."
All Star Cast in "Mothers in Law."
Felix the Cat—Aesop's Fables.

Saturday, March 22
Ben Alexander in "Boy of Mine."
H. C. Witwer's "Leather Pushers."
Comedy.
Pathe News.

LAWRENCE COLONIAL

American history and world history is replete with striking evidence of our gallantry and heroism in conflict. Whenever called upon to bear the brunt of the battle and make the sacrifice for the betterment of ideals and humanity in general, the United States, as a people has never been lacking or found wanting. But a greater side of our life has been sung but little. It remained for the late Emerson Hough to immortalize this feature of American advancement and development and he did so in the master story, "The Covered Wagon." But the master pen of Hough has been surpassed in its power of appeal in the marvelous motion picture, that has been made for his great story. The mighty and supremely superior screen version of "The Covered Wagon" will be seen at the Colonial Theatre, Lawrence, all the week beginning March 17th, Monday evening and closing Saturday evening, March 22, twice daily with performances at 2:15 and 8:15.
A symphony orchestra is en tour with the company and will play the special score arranged for the production by Hans Reisenfeld.

Birthday Surprise Party

A number of friends of Miss Eunice Lovejoy assembled at the home of Miss Marion Hill Monday evening and surprised Miss Lovejoy on her birthday.

Miss Lovejoy was the recipient of a beautiful chain and pendant from her friends. During the evening refreshments were served by the hostesses, Misses Gladys and Marion Hill.

Among those present were Misses Hill, Miss Lovejoy, Mrs. Caroline Phillips, Miss Madeline Hunt of Dorchester, Miss Helen Rea of North Andover, Miss Ruth Cates and Miss Esther Boutwell.

Minstrel Concert by Pythian Sisters

In order to aid the building fund of the Fraternal Building association, the local lodge of Pythian Sisters will hold a minstrel concert next Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock in Garfield hall to which the public is cordially invited. A small admission will be charged. Mrs. Helen Gouck is in charge.

The installation of two officers of Garfield Temple, Pythian Sisters, was to have been Wednesday evening but on account of the weather the deputy was not present. After the regular meeting refreshments were served and dancing enjoyed, Thomas Gouck furnishing the music.

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